



APRIL 2026 EDITION 5

OUR LADY OF DOLOURS NEWS

Ignite, Innovate & Include in the Spirit of Mercy



**"And he took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave unto them, saying, this is my body which is given for you: do this in memory of me."
— Luke 22:19 (KJV)**

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

MARCO IANNI PRINCIPAL

Unbelievably term 1 has come to an end, feeling like it has flown by in the blink of an eye. It has certainly been an eventful and busy start to the year with Kindergarten commencing their school journey, settling into the new school routine and the OLD community well. We have gathered together as a community for our opening liturgy, Harmony day celebrations and parent engagement events and our parent welcome evening. Students have participated in their first student retreat day for 2026, our annual cross country carnival, annual Open day and Year 3 & Year 5 students have completed NAPLAN. We have also seen several students represent OLD at Cluster and Polding swimming and basketball.

I thank our staff and parent volunteers for making the above events possible and all a wonderful success.

Interviews for Kindergarten 2027 are now in progress. If you have a child at home due to commence school in 2027 please see the front office as soon as possible for your enrolment pack. I wish the community a safe and happy holiday break and look forward to an exciting term 2.

Upcoming Events

Monday 20 April
Staff Development Day

Tuesday 21 April
Term 2 commences

Friday 24 April
ANZAC Liturgy

Monday 27 April
ANZAC Day Public Holiday

Thursday 7 May
Mothers Day Stall

Friday 8 May
Mothers Day breakfast 8.15am
followed by 9am Liturgy

Enrolling now for 2027





Easter Alleluia! Jesus has risen.

When you ask most children what Easter is about what do you think their answer would be? A lot of them would probably say Easter bunnies, eggs, chocolate, getting their Easter baskets etc. It is hoped that many of our students at OLD would say that Easter is about Jesus and His death and Resurrection. After all, this is the true meaning of Easter. Easter is the most important date in the Christian Calendar. The mystery of the Resurrection is not easy for us to get our minds around, let alone try to explain to young children the amazing gift of new life that Jesus has given us. The Easter Season follows on from the Easter Vigil and continues for fifty days until Pentecost. It is a time of rejoicing in Christ's Resurrection and Ascension and a time of great hope.



FROM THE CLASS ROOM - YEAR 6

It's been a busy time in Year 6. Students were presented with their Year 6 shirts, Lava lamps were made, OLD TV has begun production for 2026, some spectacular artwork has been shown and our captains represented the school with pride at the RSL ANZAC commemoration service.



Harmony Day

Thank you to all our students and their families for making Harmony day such a special celebration for OLD. It was wonderful seeing the diversity of OLD on display as we celebrated coming together and sharing cultural traditions, with one another. Students came to school in traditional dress, we joined together for a special liturgy then our parents were able to share a morning tea consisting of flavours from all over the world.



It's ok to speak up

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You don't have to
keep it to yourself,
you are not alone

You are not alone

STEP 1: Talk to Someone You Trust

If something is worrying you at school (like homework, friends, feeling safe, or classwork), the first step is to:

- ▶ Talk to your teacher
- ▶ If you can't talk to anyone, you can write it down and give it to someone you trust; your teacher, or a trusted staff member
- ▶ Talk to your parent or carer if you need help letting your classroom teacher or trusted staff member know,

STEP 2: If It's Still a Problem

If the problem doesn't get better or you don't feel safe or heard:

- ▶ Ask to speak with the Assistant Principal, or another teacher.
- ▶ Let your parent or carer know or another trusted adult

STEP 3: Go to the Principal

If you still need help:

- ▶ Share your worry with the School Principal.
- ▶ You can ask a parent or carer to come with you if that helps.

STEP 4: School-Wide Help

For bigger issues that affect the whole school (like safety, worries about staff, or the school environment):

- ▶ Your parent or carer can contact the school and the Principal can support you and or your family directly.

Remember:

- ▶ It's always okay to talk about how you feel.
- ▶ You have the right to feel safe and protected
- ▶ If it's about feeling safe, tell someone immediately.
- ▶ Every voice matters, and adults are here to listen and help.

If your concerns cannot be resolved at school level, you and your family can seek further support from the Community Engagement Team

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FAITH



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WITNESS



COMPASSION



COURAGE

Reconciliation Celebration

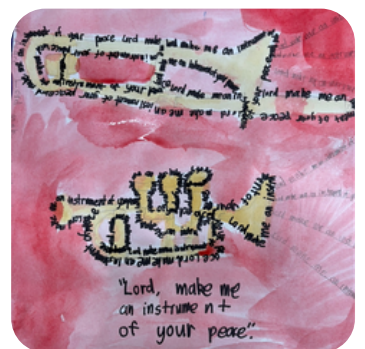
Students from Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 participated reverently in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Fr David shared the parable of the Lost Sheep and reminded us that God is always looking for us with love and compassion. He encouraged our children to turn back to God and to share God's love with others through kindness and forgiveness.

We congratulate all students and families for the thoughtful and respectful way they prepared for and celebrated this special moment in their faith journey. We especially thank Angela Hague, the parish Sacramental Program leader, for her facilitation and partnership with families.



Retreat Day Reflection

Our Retreat Day was a wonderful opportunity for students to deepen their understanding of the Mass and the life of Saint Francis of Assisi. We explored the Sign of Peace and how it invites us to be people of peace who carry Christ's peace into our friendships and families. Students also learned about Saint Francis who lived with simplicity, cared for creation and showed great love for the poor and the forgotten. Throughout the day students responded in creative and prayerful ways including reflective writing, artwork and joyful celebration at Mass. It was a beautiful day of faith learning and community!



Dear Parents/Caregivers, You are invited!

Alpha is a series of sessions that freely explore the big questions of life. It is an opportunity to:

1. Gather together & get connected
 2. Watch an episode on a topic of faith
 3. Ask Qs and share thoughts in a friendly environment
- And... it includes a **FREE MEAL!**



Mondays starting 20 April 7pm in Magnificat Room (Kirk St Meeting Room)

To register visit:

form.jotform.com/chatswoodparish/alpha

For more info contact Gillian 0412373324 or email gillian-hawkins@bigpond.com



Our Lady
OF DOLOURS

Holy Week 2026

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Palm Sunday

- Saturday Vigil 5:30pm
- Sunday Mass 7:30am, 9am, 10:30am, 5:30pm

Wednesday of Holy Week

- Parish Stations of the Cross at Our Lady of Dolours Church 7pm

Holy Thursday

- Mass of the Lord's Supper 7pm
- Only Mass celebrated this day.

Good Friday

- Stations of the Cross at Chatswood Concourse 10:30am
- Passion of the Lord 3pm

Holy Saturday

- Vigil Mass 7pm

Easter Sunday

- Sunday Mass at 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am
- No evening Mass.

First Communion 2026

Chatswood Catholic Parish



Enrolments for preparation and reception of First Communion open on Wednesday 25th March.

To enrol your child

From our Parish website Home page

<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/chatswood>

Click on the 'First Communion Enrolments' Tile

From here, you will find all the dates and other details of the program.

Scroll to the bottom of this page and click "Enrol Here" to complete the enrolment form.

For queries about sacraments for your child, contact Angela or Mona at: chatswood.sacraments@bbcatholic.org.au

Enrolments close Monday 27th April

Calling all young singers



To sing at our Easter Sunday 9am Mass

If you are in year 2 to 6 and you love to sing, we would love you to come and join our Family Mass Choir for our special **Easter Sunday celebration on**

Sunday 5th April

The songs are kid and family friendly, and this would be a great way for you to share your gift and love of singing while celebrating Easter in our Parish Community. Parents are welcome to join as well!

To join us, please RSVP to Angela in the parish office at: angela.hague@bbcatholic.org.au

Easter Raffle

Thank you to our Year 3 parents for co-ordinating our annual Easter Raffle. Through the generosity of the community there were many prizes on offer, which were all gratefully accepted by the winners. A big congratulations to Eleanor who won first prize.



华人启发 发布会
CHINESE ALPHA

寻光之旅 启发人生
JOURNEY TO LIGHT

Alpha

The poster features a desert landscape with two people riding camels. The text is in both Chinese and English. The Chinese text includes '华人启发 发布会' and '寻光之旅 启发人生'. The English text includes 'CHINESE ALPHA' and 'JOURNEY TO LIGHT'. There is a red logo with the word 'Alpha' inside a circle.

At Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Church Chatswood 车士活慈悲圣母天主堂

日期 | Date

星期三 Wednesday
4月22日 22 April 2026

联络电话 | Contact No.

Hannah Fong
0449 839 188

时间 | Time

12:15pm - 2:30pm
总共13节 (包括午餐)
13 Sessions (Including Lunch)

费用全免, 欢迎所有人参加
Free, Open to everyone

地点 | Venue

Magnificat Room
Our Lady of Dolours
Catholic Church
Cmn of Kirk and Archer Sts
Chatswood 车市活



Vacation Care NOW AVAILABLE

ALL KIDS WELCOME



**ENROLMENTS ARE NOW OPEN FOR CATHOLICCARE'S APRIL 2026
VACATION CARE PROGRAM**

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OUR VACATION CARE PROGRAMS OFFER A VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES TAILORED TO CHILDREN OF DIFFERENT AGES, INTERESTS, AND ABILITIES. WE ALSO ORGANISE LOCAL EXCURSIONS TO FURTHER ENRICH THE EXPERIENCE.

WE PROVIDE A STIMULATING AND ENJOYABLE ENVIRONMENT, WITH ACTIVITIES DESIGNED TO ENGAGE THE CHILDREN'S STRENGTHS AND INTERESTS, WHILE ALSO OFFERING TIME FOR REST AND LEISURE.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE DON'T HESITATE TO REACH OUT VIA EMAIL OR CONTACT THE OSHC COORDINATOR AT YOUR SCHOOL.

NORTHS
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HOOPS CAMPS

AGES 5 - 17

1 & 2 DAY CAMPS

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WILLOUGHBY CITY
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What's on at Willoughby City Library

Autumn school holidays 2026



Introduction to musical theatre workshop (11-16 years). Calling all musical theatre fans! Learn about musical theatre, have a sing and try out your acting skills.



Creative Writing Workshop for Teens (11-14 years). Make more of your school holidays! Engage your creativity, discover fun characters and write stories with a professional author and editor.



Stamp collecting workshop for kids (ages 9+ years) at Chatswood Library.



Milli and Mike's recycling and sustainability show (4-7 years) at Chatswood Library. Meet Mike and Milli the Hen, as they teach us how to live more sustainably.

Visit our website to register, and for more information on upcoming events.

libraries.willoughby.nsw.gov.au



Gymnastics for all

Scan here for School Holiday Programs

**Soccer in the Park
Girls Only**

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Soccer in the Park

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Cheerleading

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